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In response to the Official Action dated August 17, 2010, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on November 17, 2010, the period for reply being extended to expire on December 17, 2010 by the accompanying one-month Request for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. However, if any additional extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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